

# The Jewish Daily Forward

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Congregation Sha'ar Zahav San Francisco

## What's Up at Sha'ar Zahav

### Shabbat Shira

JANUARY 29, 6:45-7:30; 7:30-9:00 PM

JANUARY 30, 10:15 AM

On Friday come first for Shabbat Boogie, as we dance our way into a Shabbat spirit, then stay for a full Kabbalat Shabbat filled with music and song. Saturday, rejoin us for a niggun/chanting service including the reading of Shirat Hayam / Song of the Sea from the Torah.

### Music in the Mishkan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 4:00 PM

Come to Sha'ar Zahav's Chamber Music Concert Series, featuring The Bridge Players. See page 5 inside for details!

### Cantor Unplugged III

FEBRUARY 20,

Cantor Sharon Bernstein and friends in a musical extravaganza of musical theater, Yiddish, and more! Purchase advance tickets by contacting the Sha'ar Zahav office.

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## Friday Night Spirit

If you have a child between 6 and 12, or are a child at heart, you might want to check out Sha'ar Zahav on the third Friday of every month for Friday Night Spirit—our new program filled with music, story telling and ruach...straight from the heart.

We have developed this service as the next step for those who have attended the wildly popular Friday Night Live, designed for children up to six years of age. The beauty of Friday Night Live, now in its third year, is that it introduces Shabbat with singing, dancing and joy. The new program, Friday Night Spirit, continues that love of Shabbat for older children.

But there is another very important reason that we have created this service. We all keep hearing about families that are not members of a synagogue, but might want to give their children a sense of the joy and warmth of Judaism. We hope you can invite these friends and neighbors who may not generally be synagogue attendees.

So what is so special about Friday Night Spirit? The service is led by Deborah Newbrun, who was Director of Camp Tawonga for 25 years and is expert at making Judaism come alive for kids. She is joined by Isaac Zones, a Tawonga song leader, and our own Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe, who grew up in Sha'ar Zahav, as they lead joyful singing in English and Hebrew. And, to add to the fun, there is Brady Gill, storyteller extraordinaire, who makes any tale fabulous.

Friday Night Spirit starts at 5:45 PM with snacks, followed by the service. At 7:00 PM, we go downstairs for (free) dinner as a community. Our next FNS will be on January 22, 2009, so please invite your friends and bring a family looking for a joyous experience.

And one more thing: Isaac, Daniel and Deborah have created a CD with the music from Friday Night Spirit, to take home or give to friends. It also allows everyone to learn the songs and join in. We began giving the CD away at Friday Night Spirit on December 18th as the perfect Chanukah gift, one that will fill Friday nights with song and spirit throughout the year.



# Dwelling in the House of the Holy One



**"DAVID** declares:....You help me find serenity even in the midst of life's deepest distress....The ordinary concepts of 'good fortune' or 'calamity' therefore no longer have meaning for me. Changes in my fortune cannot disturb the table of spiritual contentment You have set

before me" [S. R. Hirsch on Psalm 23].

We are used to hearing the words at funerals. For 2000 years, the 23rd Psalm has offered, to those who are tired and grieving and hungry for comfort and love, an image of rest and peace, of nourishment and shelter. That is one of the things religion can do. It looks directly at the world, as it is, and then presents an oppositional image, of how the world could be. It fills our heads and our hearts with these images, and then organizes us around our shared commitment to bring these images to life.

Religious communities have the power to open doors into alternative universes—not in some bizarre, Star Trek sort of way, but in the simplest way imaginable—by modeling a different kind of life.

What does the 23rd Psalm have to say to us? What does it have to say to the children in our community? It is about having all that you need. It is about having time to breathe, and spending time outside, under the sky, and feeling safe enough to lie down in peace. It is about still waters and clear paths. It is about sensing that your life has purpose and direction. It is most of all about knowing that whatever happens you are not alone, and that because of this you can walk through places overshadowed by darkness and death.

One line continually remains in my mind: "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." At first we picture a soldier somewhere on a distant battlefield opening up his K-ration, his sealed packet of food, and sitting down to eat—finding a moment of respite amidst the tumult of war.

But we can take the image much farther than that. All of us live "in the presence of enemies," and there are plenty of enemies out there all the time, threatening to grind down our spirits and cast us into despair. Our young people live sur-

rounded by enemies: academic, social and sexual pressures; drugs; violent; shattered families absent or abusive parents; poverty; boredom; a culture that glorifies the superficial.

What kind of table can we set before us to help ourselves survive times that can be dark and chaotic? How can we nourish and sustain ourselves in the presence of enemies?

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in particular, and religious congregations in general have a special role to play in laying the table. For we are the keepers of powerful images that restore the soul, and we are commanded to turn these images to reality. We are the makers of sanctuary—safe places where we and our children can know that we matter, that we are made in the image of God, each and every one of us of irreducible worth; irreplaceable, entitled to respect; with a crucial role to play in the world.

We are the builders of a value-centered community that demonstrates an alternative ethic, opposed to the materialistic messages that beam down to us from every conceivable media outlet. We create a place where you are not judged and pigeonholed by what you look like or how much you weigh, or your car or your clothes or your gender-queerness. We try to dwell in the House of the Holy One, a place where nobody is mocked for not fitting in or rejected for not being cool. We use words like love and justice and seek to realize these values in all our relationships. Here in this sacred community, this *kehillah kedushah*, you can come out of the cold and find that a different climate prevails.

It's a pity that the 23rd psalm is only hauled out for funerals. Because I see it as a celebration of life—a healthy, relaxed and contented life where we are nourished by community, tradition and faith; where we have a chance to breathe deeply and think and thank and dream and figure out how to make things better in a sustainable way.

In this season of gift-giving, let us lift up and celebrate the manifold blessings that grace our lives. Let us reach beyond ourselves and connect to others through service; let us mobilize our gifts and talents to heal this broken world, so that all may know true refuge.

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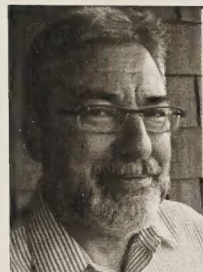
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# Gratitude



**A LITTLE OVER** a year ago, my brother-in-law Larry died. Martin's brother. Not many people at Sha'ar Zahav knew him – although a few had met him. He lived in Menlo Park and had been to services with us a few times. He had given a memorable toast at our wedding. But that was in Provincetown and not many from Sha'ar Zahav were there. Nonetheless, the communal response was remarkable. Martin moved here after living for 30 years in Boston and felt as supported as though he had been in San Francisco for a lifetime. Many friends – as well as people we barely knew – showed up. They called the house, sent notes and made memorial donations, attended the funeral, packed our living room for a *shiva minyan*, and had kind words or a hand on the shoulder during the year Martin stood to recite kaddish every week.

Feeling comforted, supported, loved, not alone – part of a community. These are all important at so many times in our lives. And for these we feel deep gratitude. Gratitude ... I like that word.

I recently went to a funeral for a member I didn't know well. I had talked briefly to him and his husband a couple of times at services. I was present for the naming of their daughter, but I can't claim that I knew them well. A couple of people commented that it was nice of me as president to come to the funeral and to one of the shiva minyans. But I wasn't there as president. I was there because something pulled me there. The details of that feeling aren't important. What's important is that I allowed myself to act upon it. As did the many other members who showed up – with homemade bagels, with kugels and cakes – and sometimes with just with their presence.

Each week we publish the Mi Shebeirach list in the Shabbat Shalom handout at services. The service leader encourages us to look through the list, to call someone we know on the list, to offer a kind word to those who are present. Sha'ar Zahav doesn't have a functioning Bikkur Cholim committee at present, but somehow we are able to help those in need.

Recently, practical support has been organized either directly by a coordinator or through one of the on-line scheduling services for members who face serious long-term health issues, for those with a temporary incapacity, as well as for families rebuilding their lives after a loss.

"But what can I do?" you may ask. My answer is: "You'd be surprised. Most everyone can do a lot." Prepare a meal, offer a needed ride to/from work, schedule a visit to chat, walk someone's dog when they can't, help someone get to a medical appointment, do some grocery shopping, offer to baby-sit. Some of these tasks are during the day when schedule may be a problem for you, but a lot of needs can be met at other times when it really could be convenient for you. Contact Greg Lawrence in the office to ask about current or future caring opportunities.

Those of us who have experienced crisis have benefited from Rabbi Angel's gentle questions, from her listening, from her instructive and caring words. We have also felt the benefit of Cantor Bernstein's blessings. But it can't all be on our clergy's shoulders to deliver "community". Many have commented that they don't know what to do, what to say. It's hard – but it's also easy, and gets easier with experience. When someone is ill – just an expression of concern, and a offer to help. When someone is grieving – a smile, a hug, a question about the person to solicit a memory can be a comfort. Or sometimes, just being there with the person is comfort enough.

It's been a difficult year for Martin and for me following Larry's death. But the caring of our Sha'ar Zahav community has been a blessing. It has also continually surprised us – as people sent notes on his *yahrzeit*, invited us to dinner after the unveiling. Showed that they cared by asking how we were doing, by recalling a memory – or asking us to tell them something about Larry.

I know that this feeling of gratitude is shared by many who have experienced the love and support of our community. This past fall, our long-time member Elliot Klein died. His former partner, Steve Weitz, wrote to me that he and Elliot's co-parents, Susan Colson and Maureen Anderson, wanted to express something more widely than writ-

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## SOCIAL ACTION

### JFCS Tenderloin Outreach Lunch

Friday, February 26, 12:45 pm  
Come join Rabbi Angel and Sha'ar Zahav members to serve lunch with JFCS residents during Purim. At this Sha'ar Zahav-sponsored program, Rabbi Angel will conduct a brief Purim service in costume. We will then serve lunch and eat and schmooze with the participants. Have fun while fulfilling a mitzvah! If you would like to join us please contact Florence at 415-468-3237.

## Read the JGF? Love the JGF? OK, Like the JGF?

If so, help us out! We are looking for the following "staff":

**Ad Sales**—why aren't Church St. Restaurants, Castro clubs, and medical professionals advertising with us? Make the JGF self-supporting by selling ads!

**Asst. Editor**—interested in publishing? Are you well-organized and good with words? Learn a new skill by helping out with the JGF!

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## MEETINGS

### CSZ-SFOP Organizing Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Join with other Sha'ar Zahavniks in building relationships and in pursuing justice. For more information, please contact Dana Vinicoff ([vinicoff@hotmail.com](mailto:vinicoff@hotmail.com)).

### Welcoming Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

All are invited to join this vibrant, revitalized group as we work to make Sha'ar Zahav the most welcoming environment, to both new and longstanding members. Please contact Jim Acerra, [jacerra@msn.com](mailto:jacerra@msn.com) or Shelli Rawlings-Fein, [shellimf@yahoo.com](mailto:shellimf@yahoo.com) for more details.

### Va'ad Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:45 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 6:45 PM

All are welcome to attend and listen to CSZ's monthly board meeting with its pre-set agenda.

### CSZ Ritual Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6:30 PM

We invite all CSZ members to attend meetings of the Ritual Committee. You don't have to be a service leader, or have any particular Jewish background. We're looking for creative thinkers and energy to make our ritual life better and better. Our meeting begins with a Ma'ariv service.

### Communications Committee

The Communications Committee meets virtually through google groups. Our big project for Spring 2010 is revamping the website—if you have an interest/skill in tech, pr, marketing, design, writing, or editing, we could use your input!

## CHAVUROT

### East Bay Chavurah

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

We invite your family and friends (non-members warmly welcomed) to Sha'ar Zahav's East Bay Chavurah. We begin with a vegetarian/vegan potluck as we share blessings and check in, while singing, eating, and enjoying each other's company. At around 7:30, adults (and teens) are invited to continue our Shabbat experience with some meaningful text-based Jewish dialogue. To RSVP, please contact Jim Greenberg, [jgjb@earthlink.net](mailto:jgjb@earthlink.net).

### Post Oneg Social Group

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, ~9:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, ~9:00 PM

After welcoming the Sabbath at Sha'ar Zahav's Friday night services, we invite you to join Sha'ar Zahav's Post Oneg Group for a pay-your-own-way dinner at a local restaurant. For more information contact Jim Acerra at [jacerra@msn.com](mailto:jacerra@msn.com) or Tony Enriquez at [arnold\\_enriquez@hotmail.com](mailto:arnold_enriquez@hotmail.com) or meet us in the Oneg room.

### Mensch Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 ~6:00 PM

JAY MICHAELSON SHABBAT

Join the Mensch group, a gathering of Sha'ar Zahav's self-identified men as we dine with Jay Michaelson, author of *Everything is God: The Radical Path of Nondual Judaism*. A frequent contributor for "The Huffington Post" and *The Forward*, and a co-founder of the journal *Zeek*, Jay also will be delivering the d'rash on Friday evening. To reserve your place at the dinner table, contact Kevin Johnson, [lavender\\_jew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lavender_jew@sbcglobal.net).

## CLASSES

### Chesed Shel Emet: Death and Mourning

8 MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 22,  
7:00 – 9:00 PM

This class is presented by the Chevra Kadisha group and taught by Reuben Zellman. We will cover the entire end-of-life cycle, from before death through the end of formal mourning rituals. This class is open to the general public. The full class is required for those who are interested in volunteering with Sha'ar Zahav's Chevra Kadisha. For more information, contact Rose Katz at (415) 647-3579, [rose@katz.com](mailto:rose@katz.com); or



Reuben Zellman, (415) 861-6932 ext. 311,  
ben@shaarzahav.org.

### **Thinking about Adopting? Surrogacy? Foster Care?**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2:00 PM**

Family formation attorneys Susan Romer, Charlie Spiegel and Ora Prochovnick (all representing different practices), along with a few of their clients, will offer information and answer questions about how LGBT people can start or extend their families. Free!

### **Interest in Adult B'nei Mitzvah? Learning Trope?**

Are you considering becoming a B'nei Mitzvah as an adult? We are considering putting together a class and program for the coming year. Contact Greg in the synagogue office: 415-861-6932 x303, or greg@shaarzahav.org. Are you interested in learning trope? Interest in a B'nei Mitzvah not necessary. Email CantorBernstein@gmail.com.

### **Community Retreat**

**ONE 4-6, WALKER CREEK RANCH  
RESERVE NOW!**

Connect with other Sha'ar Zahavniks at our annual retreat. Email Rebecca at reb-weiner@gmail.com to reserve space. Cost is \$215/adult, \$100/kids. Scholarship available.

### **Gratitude**

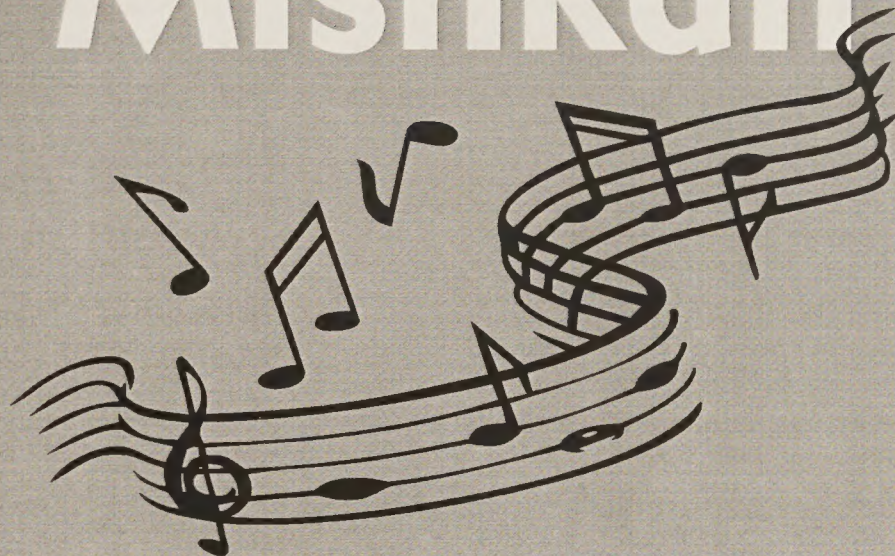
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ing individual cards. Their words are simply:

*Thank you. We would like to thank the CSZ community for their support and donations in the memory of Elliot Klein. Your caring and support for Elliot during his illness, and your support for his family of friends after his passing, was deeply appreciated. May his memory be for a blessing.*

May WE all find it within ourselves to pay attention to those in our community. To their needs, their sorrows and their joys. May we have the presence to show up – to offer words of comfort and practical deeds of caring. Gratitude. It's a great word. Both earning it and feeling it are truly wonderful things – but not something any of us can do by ourselves.

# Music in the Mishkan



## **"In the Mood"**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 4:00 PM**

Piano Trio in G minor – Bedrich Smetana  
Sentiments – Brian Wilson  
Piano Trio No. 1 in B flat Major – Franz Schubert

## **"Fascinating Rhythm"**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 4:00 PM**

Trio, Fantasy and Fugue – Gideon Klein  
Dance, Passacalia and Fugue – Hans Krasa  
Chasidic Dances – Zikmund Schul  
String Quartet No. 3 – Viktor Ullmann  
String Quartet No. 3 – Erich Korngold

## **"Unchained Melody"**

**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 4:00 PM**

Divertimento in E flat Major – W.A. Mozart  
Paysages (Countryside) – Ernest Bloch  
String Quartet in F minor – Felix Mendelssohn

**CSZ MEMBERS** \$15 per concert or \$40 series;  
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# Shabbat ha Simcha: Learning Together



**ONE OF** my fondest memories growing up was spending time with my sister and celebrating Shabbat. My sister became ba'al t'shuvah, a person who returned to Orthodoxy, when I was eight and she was eighteen. As an orthodox Jew, she would observe the Sabbath—thoroughly. It was not the typical experience of most of my Berkeley cohort, to spend their Friday afternoons ripping toilet paper and making challah, but it is one of my fondest memories of my childhood.

Since that time, I have spent my life working in a myriad of ways to try to support other people in increasing their Shabbat practice. I believe that Shabbos is one of the greatest gifts that we have as Jews and that it deserves attention and commitment. Towards that end, we created a new program this year, Shabbat ha Simcha, the Shabbat of joy!

We spend a great deal of time in our Jewish lives in sanctuary, going through the motions of prayer. I wanted to help our congregation understand why we do this. I wanted our community to get the opportunity to learn about the details of the service in the hopes that it would enrich all their prayer experiences. Our "learner's minyans" during Shabbat ha Simcha have met this goal by teaching areas of the service in new and refreshing ways.

Our Shabbat ha Simcha learning tracks have explored text, social issues and our theme of Holiness from a myriad of creative vantage points. We have learned as adults, adults and youth, parents and non-parents, young and old, the whole rainbow spectrum of our community. And what would Shabbat be without the sharing of a Shabbos meal together, especially with over 100 people in our little oneg room? Yes, the food has been good. But the real success of this aspect of the program is that we get to spend a little more time

with our community on Shabbos.

It is my hope that after all six of these special Shabbats, our community will feel strengthened, more connected and integrated, and will increase their own Shabbat practise. Have you been enjoying this Shabbat lunch experience? Why don't you invite some of the congregation over for lunch after Saturday services or BSPM? Is there something that you learned at Shabbat ha Simcha that you would like to explore further, let me know and I will try to create further learning on this topic.

We have four more of these simchas to share in Shabbat together, on January 9, February 6, March 6, and May 1. I hope to see you at all of them!

B'Shalom,  
Rebecca

## BEIT SEFER DATES TO REMEMBER

### JANUARY

- 1/6 Wednesday Class
- 1/9 Shabbat ha Simcha - 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
- 1/12 Spiritual Quest Class with Rabbi
- 1/13 Wednesday Class
- 1/16 No Shabbat Class [Mik Holiday]—Danya Rubenstein-Markiewicz's Bat Mitzvah
- 1/19 Spiritual Quest Class with Rabbi
- 1/20 Wednesday Class
- 1/23 Shabbat Class
- 1/26 Spiritual Quest Class with Rabbi
- 1/27 Wednesday Class
- 1/30 Shabbat Class

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Wednesday Class - Tu Be'Shevat Celebration
- 6 Shabbat ha Simcha - 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
- 10 Wednesday Class
- 13 No Shabbat Class [ Presidents Weekend ]  
—Isabel Lahn Shroeder's Bat Mitzvah
- 20 Shabbat Class—Celebration of Learning  
—Begin Unit for People of the Book
- 23 Spiritual Quest Class with Rabbi
- 24 Wednesday Class
- 27 Shabbat Class - Purim Carnival

## FAMILY CALENDAR

### Friday Night Live!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:00 PM**

Music, Dancing and Challah for kids 0-6 and their grown-ups. Service will be followed by vegetarian potluck, with pizza provided through the sponsorship of FNL families.

### Shabbat ha Simcha

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 10:15 AM**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 10:15 AM**

Join us for a one-hour teaching service followed by learning tracks and a catered vegetarian lunch. Learning tracks for kids, adults, and mixed groups.

### Friday Night Spirit

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 5:45 PM**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 5:45 PM**

Join Camp Tawonga's Deborah Newbrun, Isaac Zones, Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe and Brady Gill for a musical Shabbat geared to kids 7-12. Dinner at 7pm.

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## B'nei Mitzvah

### Danya Rubenstein-Markiewicz

Hi! My name is Danya Rubenstein-Markiewicz and my bat-mitzvah is on January 16, 2010—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday weekend. My portion is about the first seven plagues and my d'rash is going to focus on fighting for justice and magic.

I have a *lot* of interest in food, especially eating it, so my mitzvah projects were about food. My mitzvah projects included working in a garden at a Jewish cemetery in Colma and making meals for a family that was going through a rough time.

My personal interests include drawing and designing clothes and reading lots of Harry Potter. I enjoy playing volleyball for my school, Marin Country Day School, and cooking desserts such as tarts, chocolate cakes, and cookies.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped me in this process, including: Elana, my tutor; Jeff, my mentor; Rabbi Angel; my family; and lots of other people!!

### Emma Greenberg-Bell

My name is Emma Greenberg-Bell. I am in the 7th grade at Julia Morgan School for Girls (in the East Bay). I will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 12th, 2009. My parsha is Vayeshev which tells the story of Joseph's life and his coat of many colors. Since my Bat Mitzvah is on the first day of Hannukah, I have a special haftarah. In it is the famous quote "not by might not by power but by my spirit."

For my mitzvah project, I did an assortment of good deeds, including: volunteering at the library in my neighborhood, serving meals for the homeless at a community service agency (in West Oakland), and preparing meals for the homeless at Temple Beth El in Berkeley.



**Emma Greenberg-Bell**

Besides hanging out with my friends, in my spare time I play soccer and I play the piano. I would like to thank my mentor Judy Schwartz for helping me get ready for the big day and for teaching me about my Torah portion and to leyn Torah. I would also like to thank my East Bay Hebrew tutor Joel Siegel for all of his help and all of my teachers at Beit Seifer Phyllis Mintzer. Without the help of Rabbi Angel, Cantor Bernstein and my service leaders; Paul Cohen, Sue Bojdak, and Alan Gordon, I would not be as confident on the bima as I am now.

### Isabel "Izze" Lahn-Schroeder

Isabel "Izze" Lillian Lahn-Schroeder, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on February 13, 2010. Izze is a lifelong member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. She has been an active participant in synagogue life, starting with her baby naming at the old synagogue on Danvers Street, and including retreats at Walker Creek Ranch, many Shabbat Potlucks and Beit Seifer Phyllis



**Isabel "Izze" Lahn-Schroeder**

Mintzer. Several of the participants in Sha'ar Zahav's first "official" Baby Chavurah are Izze's friends and classmates to this day!

Izze is a seventh grader at Brandeis Hillel Day School. At school, she is engaged in all subjects but has a special interest in the ethical and theological issues discussed in Judaic Studies. She is an avid participant in community theater and volleyball, and has performed many mitzvah projects. She has a special talent for working with young children and has been an intern at her old drama camp and preschool. She is a wonderful big sister to her brother, Harry.

Izze has enjoyed a warm and meaningful experience learning with her Bat Mitzvah mentor, Andrea Guerra. She also thanks the members of her Chavurah, her teachers at Brandeis and at Beit Seifer, Deb Levy, Rebecca Weiner, Rabbi Angel, Cantor Bernstein and many others who have nurtured the strong interest in Jewish learning that has brought her all the way to her Bat Mitzvah.



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**Ami Zusman** in memory of mother, Hilda Saperstein.

## **The Gift of Israel**

**Anonymous**

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in appreciation of Rabbi Angel's services at their wedding.

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Dorothy Wood.

**Sherie Koshover** in loving memory of family and friends.

**Ben Murland & Barbara Rinkoff** in memory of Milton Murland.

**Jeff Rubin** in honor of Rabbi, Staff and the Congregation.

**Sharyn Saslafsky** in honor of Marcy Adelman for receiving an award from SF's Civic Ventures.

**Irene & Fred Tannenbaum**

**Martin Tannenbaum** in honor of Rabbi Angel's remarkable contribution to Torah.

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## November

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## Life Cycles

Mazel tov to Joanie Shalit on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah on October 3.  
Mazel tov to Sophie Rinkoff-Murland on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah on October 17.

Mazel tov to Miriam Heath Katz on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah on October 24.

Mazel tov to Jonathan Strober on the Baby Naming of his daughter Tallulah Grace Strober-Holt, which took place on Oct 23.

Mazel Tov to Vanessa and Alison Jacoby on the birth of their son, Theo Fox Jacoby. Theo was born on Friday evening, November 6, weighing 7 lbs 6 oz. And Mazel Tov to Scott Lawrence Jacoby on becoming a big brother!

Mazel Tov to Meg Keene on her Welcoming to the Covenant on November 20.

Mazel Tov to Julia Shorofsky on becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 21.

## Naches

Yashir Koach to Lucy Bernholz, who has been named a Fellow of the New America Foundation for 2009-2011, an honor which includes a two-book publishing contract. She has also been named a visiting scholar at Stanford University's Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society for the 2009-2010 school year.

Yashir Koach to Dennis Ybarra for his being featured in a one hour documentary on Fox News entitled *Do You Know What Textbooks Your Children Are Really Reading?* - which aired on September 4-5. <http://troublewithtextbooks.org> Dennis appeared because of his co-authoring *The Trouble with Textbooks*.

Yashir Koach to Ruby Cymrot-Wu, who has been featured by the Jewish Federation as a Bay Area LGBT Jewish Leader, most recently joining the staff of the Transgender Economic Empowerment Initiative (TEEI).

Yashir Koach to Jo Ellen Green Kaiser on the website relaunch of *Zeek: A Jewish Journal of Thought and Culture*. *Zeek* is still independent, but is now partnering with the Forward online. <http://zeek.forward.com/>

Yashir Koach to Lucy Bernholz, who was named by Huffington Post as a 2010 Philanthropy Game Changer.  
Yashir Koach to Tiela Chalmers and Ora Prochovnick, who were both honored as recipients of the Eviction

Defense Collaborative's Annual Community Awards for "outstanding contributions to tenant advocacy and work in homelessness prevention."

Yashir Koach to Tom Lakritz who was selected to serve as a patient co-chair of the Markers to Personalize Treatment session at the National Cancer Institute's Translational Science Meeting.

## Thank You

With 70 people in attendance, Cosmos at the bar, and an engaging presentation by Gregg Drinkwater, David Shneer, our own Rabbi Camille Shira Angel, along with many other contributors, the Torah Queeries party on October 11 was a smashing success! Thanks to the volunteers who made it possible, including organizer Jo Ellen Green Kaiser, bartender Noah Nacamura; greeters Alan Michels, Laureen Kim, Andy Schwartz and John Mark Eggerton; booksellers Shoshana Levenberg and Howie Hahn; food preparers Andrea Guerra and Aaron Danzig. Thanks also to Ben Hansen for extra clean-up help!

We wish to thank Marty Rawlings-Fein for his years of service as the co-chair of the Welcoming Committee as he steps down to focus more time and energy on graduate

school. And we also give a big thanks to his wife, Shelli Rawlings-Fein, who is stepping up to co-chair the Welcoming Committee, alongside Jim Acerra, who continues to steer the ship and create fabulous programming and a welcoming environment for our Sha'ar Zahav community.

Thank you to all who upheld the mitzvah of tzedakah by donating food and/or money at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service.

## New Members

We warmly welcome the following new members to the Sha'ar Zahav Community: Matt Belitsky; Dana Lazarovitz and Scot Thompson; Bryan Levinson; Amelia Naliman; Scott Rubin, Stephen Moore, and their children Zeke (9) and Stella (5); Cindy Steinberg; Liz Steinfield and her son, Solomon David Steinfield (who was born on October 12, 2009!); Helene Wenzel; and Karlyn Lotney

And we welcome back returning members: Cindy Icke; Ann Ritzma, Elaine Porter, and their sons Ben (17) and Noah (14) Ritzma Porter; and Virginia Donohue, Mark Klaiman, and their children Liam (9), Sydney (9), Johanna (9), and Quinn (7)

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# San Francisco: A Healthy City

**M**any Sha'ar Zahavniks (including the Rabbi) attended the San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) action, San Francisco: A Healthy City, on Sunday, November 8. Packing the house at Jones Memorial UMC, leaders from all the SFOP congregations and schools placed ourselves prominently in the fight for health care reform, secured an important win for job training, and launched new partnerships with city and school district officials.

Some of Sunday's victories include:

- Coverage by five major local TV channels.

- Participation of four San Francisco Supervisors and the President of the Board of Education.

- A written commitment for the city's allocation of \$8.5 million to job training as part of the Hunter's Point Shipyard Redevelopment Community Benefits Agreement.

- Commitments from Supervisors Chiu and Avalos to meet with us in the next 90 days.

Follow up has already begun:

- A meeting is being scheduled with the Director of Senator Feinstein's California office to let her know what we want in terms of affordability in health care reform.

- Supervisor Duffy met with the Mayor to try to secure a compromise that would save our school secretaries, including the seven that work in Excelsior schools. He committed to broker a meeting between SFOP education leaders and the mayor.

Working with SFOP to improve life in the City is an important way that Sha'ar Zahav carries out the mitzvah of tikkun olam. For more information, please contact Dana Vinicoff (vinicoff@hotmail.com), or attend an Organizing Committee meeting: the first Thursday of every month, 7 pm, at CSZ.

# The Forum—Center for LGBT Youth in Haifa

**Ron Lezell**

**O**n October 22, I had the pleasure of welcoming to Sha'ar Zahav Carol Brauner, the Director of International Development, and Gordon Silverman, the U.S. representative for The Leo Baeck Education Center.

Check out [www.leobaeck.org.il/english](http://www.leobaeck.org.il/english) where you'll see Leo Baeck's impressive efforts at co-existence, tolerance and diversity. Founded in 1938, Leo Baeck operates on the principle that all of Israel's citizens – Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Ethiopian, Druze, Sephardi, Ashkenazi, Secular, Orthodox, Gay, Straight, Special Needs, Male, Female – are entitled to equal rights and equal opportunities. Situated in the mixed Arab-Jewish city of Haifa, generally considered to be a model of Arab-Jewish coexistence, the reality is that

while tensions are generally hidden beneath the surface, much work is needed to close the social gaps and encourage meaningful interaction.

In 1999, Leo Baeck opened The Forum, the first government-recognized community center in Israel to offer professional outreach, support services and social activities for the largely neglected LGBT youth and young adults in Haifa. The Forum, like other LGBT youth centers throughout Israel, is a low-key service offering discretion, confidentiality and a safe place to all of its users.

Although it has been operating independently with a largely volunteer work-force for the past few years, The Forum continues to be based, cost-free, in the original Leo Baeck premises in downtown Haifa's Hillel Street. However, following the Tel Aviv shooting in August 2009 fears are running high in the gay community that similar attacks

will be made on other centers throughout Israel.

Security guards must now be provided, the cost of which is putting The Forum's ability to stay open in question. Leo Baeck and The Forum are specifically seeking assistance from its friends to provide funds needed to keep The Forum functioning. Please join me in making a tax-deductible donation to this important teen center:

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Carol and Gordon, recipients of our new siddur, were very impressed with our shul and community. They extended a heartfelt invitation for us to join them at Leo Baeck on our next synagogue trip to Israel. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Ron Lezell 415-626-5748





## CSZers Clean Up at Emery Point

**O**n a cool but sunny shabbat afternoon in December, a hardy band of Sha'ar Zahav members gathered to clean up the shoreline at Emery Point. Fueled by fellowship, hot coffee, and the enthusiasm of children excited to clean up and make a difference, we filled six trash bags. We left the small beach markedly cleaner than we found it, and had such a good time that we found ourselves looking forward to doing it again – perhaps an annual event?

The clean-up was inspired by young Solly Lezin-Schmidt. At one of last spring's house meetings – part of the Counting Voices listening campaign — Solly's mom Laurie told the story of his anguish at all the trash he saw on the beach, expressing deeper worries about how we are treating the earth. Out of sharing that story publicly, Laurie resolved to organize this clean-up event, reminding all of us that we can make a difference. Thank you, Laurie and Solly!

Kelly Thiemann, Susan Lubeck, Eli and Max Barnett-Abrams and moms Carol and Tamara, and Solly Lezin-

Schmidt and moms Alexis & Laurie all joined in. Amira Haveson-Lezin napped in the car while mom Justyn provided moral and photographic support.

Interested in future clean-ups? Contact Laurie Lezin-Schmidt at [tolauries@gmail.com](mailto:tolauries@gmail.com). And contact Susan Lubeck ([susan@susanlubeck.com](mailto:susan@susanlubeck.com)) if you are interested in building on this via our ongoing organizing work, in which we listen, build relationships, and take action. Sha'ar Zahav's Organizing Committee is open to all and meets the first Thursday of the month, at 7 pm.



# Legacy For Sha'ar Zahav— The Future Is Yours!

By Irene Ogus

**A**t a small round meeting table in a corner office overlooking the San Francisco Bay, representatives of Sha'ar Zahav's Endowment Fund and leaders of the Jewish Community Federation Endowment Fund (JCEF) recently met to sign a historic document. This document allows the JCEF to manage the funds in Sha'ar Zahav's Endowment Fund.

For many years Sha'ar Zahav leaders have grappled with whether we want to manage our own money or have it managed by an outside group of professionals. After meeting with JCEF spokespersons last year, the current Sha'ar Zahav Endowment Board recommended we ask JCEF to handle our funds. The Va'ad concurred.

An endowment fund is money donated to an institution, often with the

stipulation that the principal remain untouched. The institution invests the principal and the income is available for use. Such funds exist to guarantee that the institution will be able to meet its obligations – especially in stressful times. They can also provide funds for new initiatives. Many educational institutions have “endowed chairs” – and synagogues often have something comparable for programs or for clergy or other professionals.

**THE CSZ ENDOWMENT FUND.** In 1987, Sha'ar Zahav leaders separated our Endowment Fund from the synagogue's operating funds. The Fund has its own board consisting of our five immediate Past Presidents, who direct investment and expenditure of the funds. The bylaws state that any gift to Sha'ar Zahav from an estate automatically goes into the Endowment Fund. In 1997, a significant portion of our Endowment Fund was allocated as a loan to purchase and renovate our current beautiful building. We could not have accomplished buying the building without those funds.

Over the past year, we realized that we had not been actively managing our Endowment Fund and had not initiated any kind of campaign to reach out to our members for planned gifts. Our goal is an endowment fund of sufficient size so that the income could actually constitute a material contribution to our operating expenses or one-time needs. The Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$130,000. In looking at options, JCEF demonstrated their competence, professionalism and eagerness to work with us. They also have materials and information that we can use to inform our members and want to help us as we begin to structure our campaign to build our Endowment Fund.

**MOVING FORWARD.** With our funds now under capable management, we can turn our attention to growing the Fund. Some ways to give to Sha'ar Zahav's Endowment Fund include:

- An outright gift of cash;
- Marketable securities and certain real estate or business assets;
- A bequest in your will or trust;
- Establishing a life income plan such as a Charitable Gift Annuity, Pooled Income Fund or Charitable Remainder Trust;
- A current testamentary gift from a qualified retirement plan; or
- A gift of a life insurance policy.

We are now in the process of forming a committee to formulate a plan for developing our Endowment Fund, with an initial focus on planned giving. We look forward to talking with you more about this in the coming months. If you are interested in working with us on this committee please do let me know. You can reach me at [keenireneo@sbc-global.net](mailto:keenireneo@sbc-global.net).

Many of our members and friends have already pledged to the Sha'ar Zahav Endowment Fund and we are very grateful to them. Thank you for thinking about *your* legacy to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.





## Condolences

● extend our condolences to the following members on the death of their loved ones:

**Chanah Harei-Orr**, on the death of her father, Mort Lichtenberg

**Mike Zimmerman**, on the death of his cousin, David Gurian

**Greg Lawrence**, on the death of his cousin, Dominique D'Aurizio

**The Zingman-Daniels Family**, on the death of their friend, Gladys Topkis

**Eve Meyer**, on the death of her friend, Sarge Holtzman

**Dan Alpert**, on the death of his spiritual sister, Geri DeLuca

**Beth Rubenstein**, on the death of her grandmother, Anne S. Reich

**Sharyn Saslowsky**, on the death of her uncle, Carl Silverman

**William David Holt II**, husband of Jonathan Strober, father of Tallulah Grace Strober-Holt

## Member Yahrzeits

### January

- 2 Phyllis Mintzer
- 3 Aaron Nacamulli
- 9 Jerome Davis
- 18 Keith Fenton
- 18 Sol Weinstein
- 23 Cheryl Orvis
- 27 Bill Ashley-Dobbin
- 30 Nathan Eli-Weinstein

### February

- 1 Steven Richter
- 2 Stephen Walters
- 4 John Atteridg
- 6 Ronald Wilmot
- 7 Ziggy Gimnichner
- 8 Allen Harris
- 14 Barbara Rosenblum
- 15 Allan Ellis
- 23 Leland Vogel
- 24 Rabbi Sanford Lowe
- 25 Rabbi Jason Gaber
- 26 Seth Charney

## Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives.

Where there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

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24 TEVET 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 10	25 TEVET 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 11	26 TEVET 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 7:00 pm Choosing Judaism 12	27 TEVET 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 13	28 TEVET 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 7:00 pm Welcoming Com Mt 14	29 TEVET 7:30 pm Shabbat Service 15	1 SH'VAT 9:00 am Torah Study 10:15 am Shabbat Service Danya Rubenstein-Markiewicz Bat Mitzvah 16
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